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Tennessee's Area Codes May Last Another 10 Years

Nashville, Tennessee – Conservation efforts aimed at extending the life of Tennessee's telephone numbers are yielding positive results, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) reported today.

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the national organization that monitors telephone number resources, recently revised its projections that determine states' area code exhaust dates.

Based on new NANPA estimates, the life expectancy of all of Tennessee's area codes, with exception of the (901) area code which is expected to exhaust in 2015, have been extended. The increased lifespan of the state's number resources is being credited to widespread conservation efforts implemented by the TRA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the year 2000.

"The number conservation plan that the TRA adopted and implemented four years ago is clearly working," said TRA Chairman Debi Tate. "And through our work with Tennessee's telecommunications service providers to reclaim any unused numbers, Tennessee consumers will not have to worry about changing area codes for some time."

In 2000, the TRA was given additional authority by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to address the state's shrinking number resources. Under the current number conservation plan, any unused telephone numbers are reclaimed for reassignment to other telecommunications service providers, and requests for new numbers are allocated in smaller blocks of 1000 numbers.

The following chart outlines the previous and revised exhaust dates for the state's six area codes:

Are Code	Previous Exhaust Date	Revised Exhaust Date
423	Year 2011	Year 2014
615	Year 2010	Year 2012
731	Year 2016	Year 2017
865	Year 2020	Year 2021
901	Year 2015	Year 2015
931	Year 2013	Year 2015

Two factors contribute to the consumption of telephone numbers: increased demand for telecommunications services and the manner in which available numbers are allocated to telecommunications service providers.

For more information about area codes and number conservation efforts, visit the TRA's web site at www.state.tn.us/tra.

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